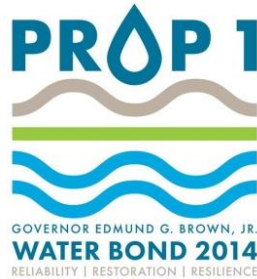




CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
WATER USE AND EFFICIENCY BRANCH

**Proposition 1 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Pilot Project
– 2017 Request for Proposals**



**Notice of Public Comment Period on
Draft Funding Recommendation
Comments Due by 5:00 PM on August 2, 2017**

By the application deadline of April 21, 2017, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) received four proposals in response to the January 17, 2017 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Pilot Project Request for Proposals (RFP). This is a joint pilot project with the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). DWR has \$3 million available from Proposition 1 to fund the water supplier's conveyance component of this joint agricultural water use efficiency and enhancement program. CDFA has \$3 million from SWEEP to incentivize the installation of irrigation systems that save water and reduce greenhouse gases on farms in the area that will directly benefit from the conveyance system funded by DWR.

Approximately \$6,306,000 million in Proposition 1 grant funding was requested for proposed projects totaling over \$14,843,690 million. The grant proposals were reviewed by a six member technical review panel with members from DWR and CDFA. All four applications were scored and ranked in accordance to the scoring criteria published in the RFP. Due to the limited funding available for this pilot project, only the top scoring proposal can be considered for funding. Table 1 shows the proposal scores as well as the proposed funding requests and award. Based upon the requirements of the RFP (including requirements of Proposition 1 and SWEEP), the panel reached consensus that the application from North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and their agricultural operators were a best fit for the joint pilot program. The Panel agreed to recommend funding the requested \$3 million from Proposition

1. CDFA will fund the 19 agricultural operators separately through SWEEP. CDFA will announce the draft awards for the agricultural operators concurrently with DWR's announcement. DWR is only able to fund one application since Proposition 1 funds are limited to \$3 million. Prospective grantee should be aware that receiving grant funds and execution of a grant agreement will be contingent upon compliance with applicable laws and regulations as listed in Attachment 13 of the RFP. An agricultural water supplier that supplies water to 25,000 or more irrigated acres is subject to the Agricultural Water Management Planning (AWMP) Act of 2009 (i.e., SBX 7-7) will need to comply with the AWMP requirements to include submittal of an Agricultural Water Management Plan, implementation of all locally cost-effective Efficient Water Management Practices (EWMPs), and implementation of the critical EWMPs consisting of measuring water deliveries to customers in accordance with the water measurement regulation and adopting a pricing structure for water customers based at least in part on quantity delivered. If not implementing all required EWMPs, an agricultural water supplier may meet the requirements by submitting a schedule, financing plan, and budget for implementation to be included in the grant agreement. In addition, Agricultural water suppliers that supply at water to at least 2,000 irrigated acres or supply 2,000 acre-feet are required to submit an annual Farm-gate Delivery Report by July 31 of each year.

Grant agreement execution is contingent upon grantee's compliance with all of the requirements as applicable no later than a year from the date of announcing the final grant awards. Failure to comply may result in the withdrawal of the grant award.

Grant applicants and the general public may submit comments on this draft funding recommendation in writing. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2017. Please e-mail comments to AgWUE@water.ca.gov

Or by mail to

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This information is also posted on DWR's website at:
<http://www.water.ca.gov/wuegrants/AgWUEPilot.cfm>

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Table 1 – Applicant Review Scores and Requested Funding

Score	Applicant	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Requested Prop 1 Funding	Proposed Grant Award*	Remarks
85.0	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District; partnered with 19 agricultural operators*	South System Improvement Project	\$11,722,599	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Recommended for funding
81.7	Tulare Irrigation District & Okieville-Highland Acres Mutual Water Company; partnered with 8 agricultural operators	Groundwater Recharge, Aquifer Sustainability and On-Farm Efficiency Project	\$2,799,483,	\$2,111,383	\$0	Not selected for funding
71.8	Willow Creek Mutual Water Company & Ducks Unlimited; partnered with 1 agricultural operators	Willow Creek Ranch Water Use-Efficiency Enhancement Project	\$700,682	\$347,487	\$0	Not selected for funding
55.2	Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District & Semitropic Water Storage District; partnered with 3 agricultural operators	Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District & Semitropic Water Storage District Intertie Pipeline	\$2,420,409	\$847,143	\$0	Not selected for funding

*CDFA will fund the agricultural operators separately through SWEEP